

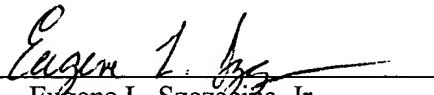
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed on August 31, 2004. Claims 1 and 3 have been amended. Claims 1-4 are pending.

Applicants appreciatively acknowledge the indication by the Examiner that the present application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters. The formal matters noted by the Examiner have been corrected by the above amendments. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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